

REMARKS

I. General Remarks and Remarks Regarding Restriction Requirement.

Please consider the application in view of the following remarks. Applicants thank the Examiner for his careful consideration of this application.

Claims 1–24 are pending in the application. Claims 1–24 are subject to an restriction requirement. Claims 13–24 are cancelled herein.

In the present Office Action, the Examiner has required an election under 35 U.S.C. §121 of one of the following inventions:

I. Claims 1–12, drawn to method of inhibiting the corrosion of metal surfaces contacted by an aqueous acid solution, clasified in class 422, subclass 12.

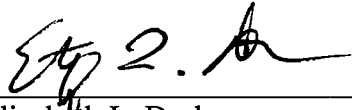
II. Claims 13–24, drawn to composition for inhibiting corrosion, classified in class 252, subclass 387.

Accordingly, Applicants hereby elect the prosecution of Group I, claims 1–12, without traverse. As noted above, claims 13–24 have been cancelled in response to the restriction/election requirement imposed by the Examiner. No amendment to inventorship is necessitated by this election. Applicants reserve their rights to subsequently take up prosecution on the claims as originally filed in this or an appropriate continuation, continuation-in-part, or divisional application.

SUMMARY

Applicants believe that there are no fees due in association with the filing of this Response. However, should the Commissioner deem that any additional fees are due, including any fees for extensions of time, the Commissioner is authorized to debit Baker Botts L.L.P. Deposit Account No. 02-0383, Order No. 063718.1313, for any underpayment of fees that may be due in association with this filing.

Respectfully submitted,

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